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THE CASE.

AFTER Mr. *Lynn* had been three Years, or thereabouts in the Office of his Majesty's Secretary at War, partly under *George Clark* Esq; Secretary at War to the late Queen *Mary* and Judge Advocate General of the Forces, he was sent abroad in the Year 1695 as Secretary and Judge Advocate of the Forces under the Command of General *Stewart* in the Expedition to *Catalonia*, whither those Forces were sent to act in conjunction with the *Spaniards* against the *French*; and after that Expedition was over he returned with the Forces to *England* and was re-instated in the Office.

Then King *William.*

For ſeveral Years following, during the former War and afterwards He went over to *Flanders* and *Holland* in the Office of the late *William Blathwayt* Eſq; then Secretary of State and War to the late King *William* untill the Year 1702, in which Year the late *Adam Cardonnel* Eſq; Deputy Secretary at War being appointed Secretary to the Duke of *Marlborough* Captain General of all her late Majeſty's Forces, and going over to ſerve the Campaign in *Flanders*, made room for Mr. *Lynn* to ſucceed in the Office under Mr. *Blathwayt* at home; in which Station he continu'd 'till the Year 1704, when Mr. *Blathwayt* being removed from that Office, and the late Lord *Bolingbroke* (then Mr. *St. John*) being made Secretary at War, Mr. *Lynn* ſtill retained the ſame Poſt under him in the late War, until his Lordſhip's Reſignation of that Office in the Year 1708, when he was alſo removed from his Employment without any Crime or Reaſon aſſign'd, although he had been then above Fifteen Years in the Office, for the moſt part of which Time the Eſtimates and States of the War, annually laid before the Parliament, and the Eſtabliſhments of the Armies made thereupon, had been prepared and formed by him.

About a Year before he was removed from the War-Office, many Officers happening to be ſlain at the Battle of *Almanza*, the miſerable Widows of thoſe Officers in their weeds ſo throng'd the Court, and

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all the publick Offices for relief, that her late Majesty being touch'd with compassion for them, gave Orders that some Means or Method should be found out to relieve them without burthening the Treasury or Civil List; and accordingly he was directed by the then Secretary at War to form a Project or Proposal to be laid before the Queen, whereby the said Widows might be provided for by Pensions.

Having made a Scheme, and settled the Establishment of the yearly Pensions, and a Regulation for their Payment, which was proposed to be by a Fund to be rais'd for that purpose, by the Allowance of a Man *per* Troop and Company on the Musters of the Forces (a Method thought more eligible than by deductions from the Officers Pay as had been practised in *Flanders*) the same was laid before her Majesty and the Duke of *Marlborough*, who approved thereof and ordered accordingly; and some time afterwards the Parliament confirmed the same, by a Clause in the Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion. And her Majesty having sign'd the Establishment of Pensions for the said Widows, and necessary Instructions for the disposal of that Charity (which proved a very great one, many poor Widows and their Children having been reliev'd thereby in the utmost necessity) was graciously pleased, at the same time, to sign another Warrant constituting him Receiver and Pay-Master of the said Pensions, in consideration of the great

Trouble he had been at in firſt forming and regulating that Affair; which Employment he (being removed from the War Office in the Year following as aforeſaid) was diveſted of alſo at the ſame time, the then ſucceeding Secretary at War procuring it to be annexed to his Office, although it had been beſtowed on Mr. *Lynn* for the Reaſons before mentioned.

Being then turned out of all Publick Buſineſs, and it happening that Year, that Preparations were making for an Expedition to the Bay of *la Hogue*, General *Erle* was appointed to Command in Chief the Land Forces to be employed in that Expedition. This gave Mr. *Lynn* an opportunity of Publick Service again, which he readily embraced and went with General *Erle* upon the Expedition, who beſtowed on him the Employments of Secretary and *Aid de Camp* to the General, and Commiſſary of the Muſters of the Forces under his Command.

Returning from the *French* Coaſt to *Spithead* the later end of the Year 1708, the General received Orders to ſail for *Oſtend*, to land the Forces there, and endeavour to make a Diverſion ſo as to facilitate the taking of *Liſle*, which the Duke of *Marlborough* had then long beſieged. Whilſt the Forces lay encamp'd near *Leffinghen*, General *Erle* (by means of a Spie he had ſent to the Duke of *Marlborough*) receiv'd a Letter back from his Grace, ſignifying that the Place was at that time capitulating, which the Gene-

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ral looking upon as a piece of News of Importance to the *Engliſh* Nation, and that it would reach them ſooneſt by the way of *Oſtend*, made choice of his ſaid Secretary and *Aid de Camp* to carry the News of it to Court.

He thereupon embark'd the next day, after a violent Storm over night, which had ſwell'd the Sea and rais'd ſuch a Surff upon the Coaſt, that the People of *Oſtend* got out upon the Ramparts expecting to ſee him caſt away, but tho' he had the good fortune to get ſafe out to Sea, he did not land (by reaſon of the Privateers from *Dunkirk* which chaſed him) 'till next morning eight of the clock at *Deal*, when taking Poſt-Horſes he arrived at four in the afternoon at St. *James*'s, where and in the Town the News was joyfully receiv'd.

For defraying his Charges to and fro upon this Occaſion he had one hundred Pounds given him out of the Treaſury, and, as a further Recompence for the good News, he was made Secretary to the Lieutenant-General in *England*, then General *Erle*, afterwards General *Webb*, by a Commiſſion from her late Majeſty; which Employment (tho' put on the Eſtabliſhment purpoſely for him on this Occaſion) was afterwards taken from him upon the Demiſe of the late Queen and given to his Clerk who had officiated under him.

In the Year 1709 after returning home from the ſaid Expedition, Sir *Edward Knatchbull* then Muſter-Maſter General of the Marine Forces, was permitted to ſurrender the ſaid Office to him, and accordingly he obtained a Commiſſion from the then Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty for the ſame bearing date the 19 *Nov.* 1709, which Employment he enjoyed 'till the Marines were broke in *January* $17\frac{13}{14}$, though he continued to ſerve after that, and to diſcharge his Duty ſo far as that Service required, as will be hereafter related in order of Time, if the Reader will compare the dates.

In the Year 1710, the late *Adam Cardonnel* Eſq; being at that time Secretary at War and in *Flanders*, writ over to one of the Secretaries of State to obtain a Commiſſion from her late Majeſty for Mr. *Lynn* to be Deputy Secretary at War, and to officiate in his Abſence 'till he ſhould arrive in *England*. But at this juncture of Time, the Scene of Affairs changing, the Honourable *George Granvill* Eſq; now Lord *Lanſdowne* was made Secretary at War, and was pleas'd to honour him with the ſame Employment; as alſo obtained her Majeſty's Warrant for reſtoring him to his former Place of Receiver and Pay-Maſter of the Widows Penſions, which Employments he continued to enjoy afterwards under Sir *William Wyndham* and *Francis Gwyn*, Eſq; ſucceeding Secretaries at War, (whoſe Office was of no ſmall conſideration in thoſe

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later days of the War, when there were upwards of 200,000 Men in *Engliſh* Pay by Eſtabliſhment and Subſidies) until the Demiſe of the late Queen, when he was removed from them all again without any Crime or Reaſon aſſign'd.

Two of his Sons who were Enſigns in the Army were alſo ſuperceded and ſtruck off the Half-Pay, *viz.* the Elder, for whoſe Commiſſion he pay'd 100 *l.* was ſoon after, in 1714, reduced to Half-Pay as a Minor; and though 'tis poſſible he might have been able to have protected him in full Pay as (being then in the Office) he would not attempt it for Example ſake; but as his Son was arrived at Age fit for the Service he was ſtruck off the Half-Pay alſo, without being allowed the benefit of another Commiſſion, although he had purchaſed before.

The latter End of the Year 1713, the diſbandment of the Marine Regiments began, and the diſbandment of ſuch of them as were then on ſhore being compleated in the Month of *January* $17\frac{13}{14}$, the then Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty thought fit to determine the eſtabliſh'd Pay of himſelf as Commiſſary General of the Muſters and of his ſeveral Deputys at *Portſmouth*, *Plymouth*, and *Rocheſter* from that Time, although the Service was not then half compleated, wherein it was neceſſary that himſelf and Office at leaſt, ſhould be continued; but at the ſame time, a Minute was ordered to be taken at That Board that

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for his future Trouble and Charges of his Office he ſhould have a *Quantum Meruit*.

At this time the ſeveral Officers of the Corps of Marines disbanded together with himſelf and Deputies were placed upon the Eſtabliſhment of Half-Pay, as had been allowed by Parliament and the late King *William*'s Eſtabliſhment upon the Peace of *Ryſwick*, as may appear by the following Abſtract of the Eſtabliſhment in the War-Office.

ABSTRACT *of the Eſtabliſhment of Half-Pay upon the Peace of* Ryſwick, *commencing* 26 March 1699.

After the Officers of the two Regiments of Marines of the Marquis of *Carmarthen* and Sir *Cloudeſly Shovel*, are inſerted,

		Per Diem. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Sir *Thomas Knatchbull* Muſter-Maſter-General of the Marines		00	10	00
Deputy Commiſſaries	*George Byng*, Eſq;	00	10	00
	George Gyllard, Eſq;	00	05	00
	Edward Aylmer, Eſq;	00	05	00

Although he was now reduced to Half-Pay, and his Office ſtill ſubſiſting, the General Muſter-Rolls of the

the Marine Regiments (for want of the Ships books being returned from Sea, and the Certificates from ſeveral of the Agents for Sick and Wounded in the Hoſpitals abroad, where-ever the Marines had been ſet ſick aſhore) were unmade up from the year 1710 to the times of diſbanding in 17^{13}_{14}, as may appear by the following letters.

Treaſury 11 *March* 17^{13}_{14}.

SIR,

MY Lord Treaſurer is pleaſed to direct you, with all convenient ſpeed, to make up entire general Rolls for each of the ſix Regiments of Marines from the 25th of *December* 1710, to the times they were reſpectively pay'd or diſbanded, and tranſmit the ſame to the proper Pay-maſter, ſo as the computation of their Pay may be made thereupon, and my Lord may have an exact Account of the Debt that yet remains to be paid.

To Samuel Lynn, *Eſq*;
Muſter-Maſter General
of the Marines.

I am, Sir, Your, &c.
William Lowndes,

Admiralty-Office, 25 Auguſt 1714.

SIR,

IN anſwer to your letter of the 20th inſtant, I am commanded by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, to recommend it to you, to make all poſſible diſpatch in cloſing the Muſter Rolls of the Marine Regiments; and ſince you ſtill want the Muſter books of divers of his Majeſty's Ships to enable you ſo to do, you conſtantly employ one of the Clerks now belonging to you, in tranſcribing theſe Books at the Navy-Office, and in getting them duly Certify'd,

I am, Sir, &c.

To Samuel Lynn, *Eſq;*

J. Burchett.

Scotland-Yard, Jan. 6, 17^{14}_{15}.

SIR,

WE have peruſed and conſidered your letter of the 4th inſtant, with the Account that came therewith incloſed, but do not find it will be of Service to us, unleſs you could aſcertain the Names of the Officers on whom the Reſpits fall, and could furniſh us with ſuch Accounts for the whole time, to the disbandment of the Regiments, whereas that Account only includes the Reſpits for the Year 1711. We muſt therefore deſire (in caſe both cannot be carried

ried on together) that you will ſuſpend proceeding on the General Rolls for the preſent, and enable your ſelf to give us this Account of the Reſpits on the Sub-altern and Staff-Officers, which, we think, you may very well be juſtified in doing, not only becauſe it is a part of the General Work, and muſt be done, as well as the reſt, at ſome time or other, but becauſe it is more immediately wanted, in order to our complying with the Directions of the Lord High Treaſurer, in ſtating the Accounts of thoſe Officers, that they may be paid and clear'd, which cannot be done without this Account of the Reſpits. We have wrote to the ſeveral Colonels, to deſire they would give you all the aſſiſtance that is in their power towards expediting this Work, by ordering ſuch perſons to attend you, as are concerned, and you ſhall direct. We are,

Sir, Yours, &c.

To Samuel Lynn, *Eſq*;

Will. Gifford, Sam. Hunter,
Thomas Layton.

SIR, Admiralty-Office, March 15, 17$\frac{14}{15}$.

IN anſwer to your letter of yeſterdays date, (which I have communicated to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty) I am commanded by

their Lordſhips, to acquaint you, that notwithſtanding the directions you have received from them to make enquiries into particular Caſes relating to the Marine Regiments, you do in the firſt place go on in making up the general Muſter Rolls with all the diſpatch that may be; but I am ordered to recommend it to you, that when the ſame ſhall be done, you do examine into the other matters, and make Reports thereof to their Lordſhips, that ſo the Perſons concerned may have Juſtice done them.

I am, Sir, Your, &c.

To Samuel Lynn, *Eſq;*

J. Burchett.

There were ſo many Petitions and particular Caſes referred to him about this time, that to give the greater diſpatch to the publick Service in the firſt place he was forced to apply for theſe Orders to poſt-pone thoſe private Enquiries.

The Marines who continued ſtill at Sea were muſtered, disbanded and pay'd off from time to time as they came home afterwards in 1714 and 1715, the laſt whereof did not arrive 'till the latter end of the year 1715, ſo that 'till then, the Disbandment was not entirely finiſhed, as will appear by the following Order, *viz.*

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GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it becomes neceſſary, that a Detachment of Marines, belonging to the Regiment lately commanded by Lieutenant General *Holt*, which have arrived within this our Kingdom from Foreign Voyages ſince the Commiſſion for disbanding the Marine Regiments remained in Force, ſhould (in eaſe of the publick Expences) be forthwith muſter'd, pay'd and disbanded. Our Will and Pleaſure therefore is, and we do hereby direct, authorize, and empower, you, the late Muſter Maſter General of the ſaid Marine Regiments, forthwith to repair to the place or places where the ſaid Detachment is quarter'd, and take a Muſter thereof; and you the late Commiſſioners, for disbanding the ſaid Regiments, are thereupon immediately to cauſe the Accounts of every the Officers and Men that ſhall be ſo muſtered for their Pay, Subſiſtence and Cloathing to be made up and adjuſted, and the Moneys due thereupon, as alſo for Bounty-Money upon disbanding, to be immediately pay'd over, and apply'd and diſtributed to, and amongſt the ſaid Officers and Men in diſcharge of their ſaid Accounts, or to, and amongſt ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall or may appear to you to be legally and juſtly intituled thereunto for Debts in Quarters or otherwiſe, We having ordered the Commiſſioners of our Treaſury to cauſe a Sum ſufficient for this purpoſe to be impreſted into the hands of Sir *Roger Moſtyn* Bart.

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who is alſo hereby requir'd to attend this Service, and pay over the ſaid Money in manner aforeſaid, as you the ſaid late Commiſſioners by Warrant under your hands ſhall direct and appoint. And you the ſaid late Commiſſioners in doing and performing this Service, are to take care that the muſtering, paying and disbanding of the ſaid Detachment be done and performed at one and the ſame time; and that in the doing thereof the like Orders Rules and Methods be taken by you as were taken when the Commiſſion for disbanding the ſaid Marine Regiments ſubſiſted and was in force. And for ſo doing, this ſhall be to you, and every one of you herein concerned, a ſufficient Warrant, provided an Entry hereof be firſt made with our Auditors of the Impreſts. Given at our Court at St. *James*, the 28th of *Auguſt* 1715, in the ſecond Year of our Reign.

To our truſty and well-beloved *Samuel Lynn* Eſq; Muſter Maſter General of the late Marine Regiments, and to *Nicholas Roop* and *Thomas Layton* Eſqrs. two of the late Commiſſioners for diſbanding the ſaid Marines, and to Sir *Roger Moſtyn* Bart. and all others whom it may concern.

By his Majeſty's Command.

Richard Onſlow,

William St. Quintin,

Edward Wortley.

'Till the Marines were all come home from Sea, and 'till the Ships Muſter-books and Certificates from the Hoſpitals in foreign Parts as well as at home were returned to his Office (which at the latter end of the War, either by careleſneſs of thoſe concerned or other accidents, came ſlowly into his Office or miſcarried, whereby he was put under difficulties of procuring the neceſſary Vouchers from the Navy or elſewhere) thoſe general Muſter Rolls of the Regiments which were requiſite for the Pay-Office, could not poſſibly be formed, and though all diligence was uſed in collecting the various Vouchers neceſſary in that caſe for making up the general Rolls, even at the Expence of extraordinary Clerks to copy them from the Navy-Office; and though the Marines were not all come home, 'till the latter end of 1715, yet in *April* 1716, he had compleated all the ſaid general Muſter-Rolls on Parchment, (making with the Duplicates from the Year 1710, to diſbanding above 6000 Rolls fair tranſcribed, after ſettling the firſt draughts) and delivered them into the Pay-Office, as will appear by the following letters.

SIR, *Marine Office*, 28 *April* 1716.

IN Obedience to the Orders of his Grace the Duke of *Shrewsbury*, when Lord High Treaſurer ſignified to me by your letter of the 11 *March* 1713, immediately after the diſbanding of the Marines then

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on ſhore, that I ſhould proceed in the making up and finiſhing entire general Muſter-Rolls of the ſix Marine Regiments to the times they were reſpectively disbanded, and tranſmit the ſame to the Pay-Office, and in purſuance likewiſe of ſeveral ſubſequent Orders from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty to the ſame purpoſe, I have accordingly performed the ſaid Service, and ſend this to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, that I have now delivered into the Pay-Maſter General's Office the Parchment Rolls for all the ſaid Regiments to the reſpective times of their being disbanded, ending in *September* laſt, when the laſt Detachment of them that came from Sea were muſtered, disbanded, and paid off by the late Commiſſioners for that purpoſe. In the Execution hereof, I have followed the directions of their Lordſhips of the Admiralty, in giving diſpatch to the Parchment Rolls preferably to all other buſineſs of the Office, whereby the Pay-Maſter General might be the ſooner enabled to cauſe a computation to be made of the Arrears of Pay owing to that Corps, by which means the Officers Duplicates of the Rolls and thoſe for my own Office remain ſtill to be made out, and ſome other particular Enquiries refer'd to me by the Admiralty Board are to be reported to them, but are of no conſequence ſo as to delay the ſtating of the Regiments Accounts, though it will take up ſome longer time

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for my ſelf and Clerks before the Publick Buſineſs can be entirely finiſh'd.

I am, Sir, Your, &c.

To William Lowndes *Eſq*;
Secretary of the Treaſury.

Samuel Lynn.

The like Letter of the ſame date to *Joſiah Burchett* Eſq; Secretary of the Admiralty.

The like Notice to Sir *Roger Moſtyn* Pay-Maſter General of the Marines, and to the ſeveral Colonels of the Marine Regiments.

By the Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate the Debts due to the Army, &c.

THESE are by the Authority to us given, to pray and require you to lay before us at this place on *Saturday* next at 11 of the Clock in the Morning, all the Muſter Rolls belonging to the late Marine Regiments from 25th of *December* 1708. And for ſo doing, this ſhall be your Warrant. Given under our Hands in *Dorſet-Court Weſtminſter* the 22d of *Auguſt* 1716.

To Samuel Lynn, *Eſq*; *Commiſſary General of the Muſters of the late Marine Regiments.*

J. Pelham,
W. Gordon,
Grey Nevil,
John Plumptre.

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Marine-Office, 28 *Auguſt* 1716.

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IN obedience to your Precept of the 22d inſtant, requiring me to lay before you all the Muſter Rolls of the ſeveral late Marine Regiments from 25th of *December* 1708. I do herewith tranſmit to you thoſe of Lieutenant General *Seymour*'s Regiment from that time to the time they were diſcharged the Marine Eſtabliſhment, which ſhall be followed by another Regiment's Rolls as ſoon as the former can be returned to me again, and I muſt beg leave to lay them before you Regiment by Regiment, becauſe my own Duplicates are ſtill in conſtant uſe in the Office, and I cannot ſpare them otherwiſe, without cauſing a hindrance to the Buſineſs that is ſtill carrying on, in making out the Officers Duplicates, and other Affairs which I was obliged to poſt-pone, to give the greater diſpatch to the delivering in the Parchment Rolls to the Pay-Office, according to the Orders which I ſome time ſince received from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, which Method (as it will not occaſion any delay to my Proceedings) I hope will anſwer your Service, and the deſire I have of being

To the Honourable the Commiſſioners of Accounts.

Gent. Your, &c.

Samuel Lynn.

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After finiſhing the Parchment Rolls in *April* 1716, the making out as well the Duplicates of the ſaid Parchment Rolls for the Officers as for his own Office, according to the directions of the Act of Parliament in that behalf, obeying the Precepts of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, and reporting divers other Matters upon eſpecial Caſes refer'd to him, together with ſome Interruption which the unfortunate Fire of his Houſe and Office gave him, employ'd him and his Clerks for a longer time.

And here it cannot be paſſed over in ſilence, that at the very time of that great Misfortune of the Fire (the ſecond *December* 1716) in which he and his Family very narrowly eſcaped the fury of the Flames, and by which he loſt to the value of 4000 *l.* beſides Papers both publick and private, Some ſort of People had Rancour and Malice enough to ſay, that it was a juſt Judgment upon him for having harbour'd (as they call'd it) the late Lord *Bolingbroke* in his houſe the preceding year, when his Lordſhip (having then no houſe of his own in town) requeſted the Uſe of that for his more ready conveniency in attending the Parliament that Seſſion, and his Lordſhip being at that time under no publick Accuſation, He appeals to all the World if ſuch a Requeſt was to be deny'd to ſuch a Gentleman (once eſteemed by his Country for his bright Parts and Capacity in Publick Buſineſs) by one who had the Honour ſo long to ſerve under

him. But to return to the former ſubject of the Marines, upon receipt of a letter from the Office of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, he ſent the following anſwer.

SIR, *Marine-Office, 21 November 1717.*

I Have received your letter of the 19th inſtant, requiring copys of all Orders and Inſtructions received by me, touching the Marine Corps, ſince the 17th of *June* 1713, to be laid before the Commiſſioners for ſtating and determining the Debts due to the Army. In anſwer to which, I ſend you here incloſed, an Extract of all ſuch Orders as have come to my hands ſince that time, to the end you may receive the Commiſſioners directions more particularly what may be neceſſary for their information (becauſe you will ſee they are pretty numerous) and ſignify the ſame to me, whereupon I will cauſe ſuch as they ſhall ſtand in need of to be copy'd and tranſmitted to you, in caſe any of them were not loſt in the late Fire that happen'd here, which conſumed many of my Papers, as well publick as private.

To James Moody *Eſq;* *I am, Sir, Your,* &c.
Secretary to the Commiſſioners of Accounts. Samuel Lynn.

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At *Chriſtmas* 1717, he was ſtruck off the Half-Pay, as well upon a miſtaken Repreſentation to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, in a Book communicated to that Houſe, that he was a Warrant Officer (a Stile which was then diſagreeable to the Houſe, whereas he had as ample a Commiſſion as any General or other Officer of the Marines had) as upon this Letter of the Law, which ſays, "That no Perſon ſhall "have or receive Half-Pay, except ſuch Perſons who "did actual Service in ſome Regiment, Troop or "Company.

So that becauſe his Duty was not limited to ſome Regiment, Troop, or Company, though he did his Duty in his proper Station, and that his Poſt was ſuch as was intitled by Parliament to Half-Pay, ſince the Peace of *Ryſwick*, 'till otherwiſe provided for, he was ſtruck off that Eſtabliſhment by the Board of General Officers of the Army, becauſe (as was ſaid) he was not within the *Letter of the Law*, at the ſame time that he was in *actual Service upon Half-Pay*, a Bounty which the Nation allows to all other Officers *out of Service*.

However the ſaid General Officers, upon further conſideration, reported his Caſe to the King, (though nothing was done thereupon afterwards) which is as follows.

ABSTRACT *of the Repreſentation of the Board of General Officers to his Majeſty relating to Half-Pay Officers*, Anno 1718.

Commiſſarys of the Muſters for the Marine Regiments.

Samuel Lynn Eſq; Muſter Maſter General — They have been always continued, and at this preſent time an Office is kept open by Orders from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, without any other Fund than the Half-Pay to ſupport it.

His Deputys
- Mr. *Richard Carter*
- Mr. *Henry Rutherford*
- Mr. *Clement Vincent*

A. Veſian, *Secretary*.

After *Chriſtmas* 1717, having diſpatched what publick Buſineſs was before him, he was about ſhutting up his Office when he received the following Letters.

SIR, *Admiralty-Office*, 27 *February* 17$\frac{17}{18}$.

A Memorial having been preſented to my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty by the Officers of the late Marine Regiments, ſetting forth, that the Accounts of the ſaid Regiments are under Examination of the Commiſſioners for ſtating the Debts due to the Army, and that they have ſtill divers Matters depending in relation to their Muſters, *&c.* which occaſions their having frequent References from the ſaid

ſaid Commiſſioners, and daily recourſe to your Office of Muſter Maſter General, which they now expect no further acceſs to, ſince you have declared, that you cannot give your Attendance any longer in Town, ſince you apprehend your Half-Pay is diſcontinued by Parliament; and the ſaid Officers praying therefore, that their Lordſhips will pleaſe to interpoſe ſo far, as that you may have ſome Conſideration for your Attendance and keeping open your ſaid Office for the proper information of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Accounts in Matters which are depending. I am commanded to recommend to you your continuing to attend the adjuſtment of the ſaid Accounts, at leaſt 'till it may be known what Reſolutions ſhall be taken by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, upon a Letter I am now writing to Mr. *Lowndes* their Secretary, whereby I do acquaint him how neceſſary it is that you ſhould ſo do, and deſire him to move their Lordſhips, that ſome ſuitable Allowance may be made to you for your Trouble, in regard the ſaid Regiments being broke, it cannot be regularly paid out of the Naval-Money, and herewith I ſend you a Copy of my ſaid letter to Mr. *Lowndes*, and am

Sir, *Your*, &c.

To Samuel Lynn, *Eſq*;

J. Burchett.

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Admiralty-Office 27 February $17\frac{17}{18}$.

SIR,

I Am commanded by my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, to ſend you the incloſed copy of a Memorial to their Lordſhips from the Officers of the late Marine Regiments, ſetting forth the detriment it would be to them to have the Office of Muſter Maſter General ſhut up, before the Commiſſioners for ſtating the Debts due to the Army have examined and ſtated the Accounts of the ſaid Regiments, which are now depending before them; And their Lordſhips being of Opinion, that it is very neceſſary the ſaid Office ſhould be continued for the information of the ſaid Commiſſioners as there may be occaſion; I am to deſire you will move the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, that ſome ſuitable Allowance may be made to Mr. *Lynn* for his Trouble in attending the ſame, for that, ſince the Regiments have been ſome time broke, the Expence thereof cannot be regularly defray'd out of the Naval Money.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt Humble Servant,

To William Lowndes *Eſq;*

J. Burchett.

The Minute that was made at the Treasury, upon the back of this Letter was as follows,

The Lords don't know which way to pay him, unless it may be had out of Naval-Money.

10 *April* 1718. Then received a Letter from Mr. *Lowndes*, ordering a state of the Accompts of the late Marine Regiments to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Admiralty Office, 26 May 1718.

SIR,

MR. *Lynn* who was Commissary General of the Marine Regiments, having informed my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Board of General Officers are drawing up a Report to his Majesty in behalf of himself and his three Deputies, upon a Memorial to them, setting forth their Case. I am commanded by their Lordships to send you a copy thereof which I do herewith, and to acquaint you, that the aforesaid Commissary General Mr. *Lynn*, doth still keep open his Office to adjust the Affairs of the Marine Regiments, and to answer several demands of Commissioners appointed to adjust the publick Accompts, *&c.* notwithstanding he and the Persons employed under him have no Establish'd Pay. And that when the Marine Regiments which were Establish'd before these were disbanded, the Commissary General Sir *Thomas Knatchbull* was allowed 10 *s.* a Day Half-

Pay, one of his Deputys 10 *s.* and the other Two 5 *s.* each, whereas the Half-Pay which the Commiſſary General and his three Deputys now have, comes but to Twenty Shillings a Day.

I am, Sir, Your, &c.

To Robert Pringle *Eſq;*
Secretary at War.

J. Burchett.

13 *Nov.* 1718. *By the Commiſſioners appointed to take, examine, ſtate and determine the Debts due to the Army.*

THE incloſed Memorials, with the liſts of Men thereto annex'd, having been preſented unto us, and relief pray'd in conſideration of their being Effective, but left out of the Rolls either as Supernumerarys, or for want of due Returns to you before the Rolls were clos'd. Theſe are by the Authority to us given, to pray and require you, to compare the ſaid Liſts with the General Rolls, and report to us, whether the Men appeared on the Rolls preceding, and ſubſequent to the times of their being omitted, or either of them; and when they do not appear on both, what evidence there is of their having been effective all the time demanded for, or any part thereof. You are to make the utmoſt diſpatch in this Affair, and let us have your

your Report upon each Regiment as ſoon as you have gone through the Examination thereof; and at the ſame time return us the incloſed Liſts, *&c.* thereto belonging. Given under our Hands in *Dorſet-Court, Weſtminſter*, this 13th Day of *November* 1718.

To Samuel Lynn *Eſq; late Commiſſary General of the Muſters to the late Marine Regiments, and his late Deputy in the ſaid Office.*

John Plumptre,
William Yonge,
Robert Briſtow,
William Gordon,
S. Smelt.

SIR, Spring-Garden, 18 *Nov.* 1718.

I Have received the Orders of the Honourable the Commiſſioners of Accounts, dated 13th inſtant, for examining into ſeveral matters relating to the Muſters of the late Marines, which coming to my hands in the Country, I am now come to town on purpoſe to obey, and ſhall give all poſſible diſpatch to them. But as the Liſts and Numbers of Men to be compared with ſo many years Muſter Rolls, Ships Books, and other Vouchers as are neceſſary, are very large, they will require a good deal of time to examine with that care, that ought to be had on the part of the Government as well as the Officer.

I cannot but take this opportunity to desire you to represent to the Honourable Board, the Hardships I lie under, in being obliged to attend the Publick Service, and be at the Charge of keeping a Clerk constantly, and other Incidents of an Office besides, at my own Expence, my Half-Pay being stopt this year past, and no other consideration made me for my Time and Trouble, although I am still, pursuant to the Orders of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, obliged to keep open my Office 'till the Accompts of the Marines are passed, and the Officers Demands fully satisfy'd.

I therefore pray the Honourable Board will take it into consideration, and do me the Justice to grant me their Certificate for what is due to me for four Years Charge of my Office, ending 31st *January* last past, pursuant to the Warrant granted me by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty now lying before the Board, in like manner, as they were pleased to do for my Arrears for four Years preceding that, upon a like Warrant from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, whereby they will enable me the better to execute their Commands, and to defray the current Charges which I am at in attending the same.

To James Moody *Esq;* *I am, Sir, Yours, &c.*

Secretary to the Commissioners of Accounts. Samuel Lynn.

24 *Nov.*

24 *November* 1718.

SIR,

HEREWITH you will receive a Report upon Captain *Maſon*'s Petition and Liſt of Men left out of his Muſter Rolls, that you may lay the ſame before the Honourable the Commiſſioners, for ſtating the Debts due to the Army and Marines, *&c.*

As to the letter of Major *Kemp*'s which you ſent me by their Order, wherein he complains of my denying him a Certificate of his Recruits ſince my Half-Pay is taken away, and that I have no Allowance from the Goverment for keeping open my Office.

To anſwer matters of that nature, I ſend you incloſed copys of the letters which I writ to the Treaſury and Admiralty, upon my delivering in to the Pay Maſter General's Office, the General Muſter Rolls of the Marines to the times of disbanding, ſince which, I have alſo delivered the Officers their Duplicates, and diſpatched the other Affairs therein mentioned to be remaining to be executed; and having ſo finiſhed the Parchment and Paper Rolls, upon both which, every Officer's Recruits are mark'd with the dates of Entry, whereby he is enabled to ſtate an Accompt of his own Recruits, I have fully diſcharged the Duty of my Office ſo long ago as thoſe matters have been performed, as far as the Act of Parliament and my Commiſſion and Inſtructions relating to the Muſters require of me. All other Applications of the Officers or Agents

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ſince that (if comply'd with by me) are *extra officio*, ſo that what further Buſineſs I have to attend, and for which I am obliged to keep open the Office (having now no Allowance for the ſame, as Major *Kemp* rightly obſerves) is only to obey the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners in what may be neceſſary for their Information and Aſſiſtance in paſſing the Accompts of the ſaid Regiments of Marines (beſides thoſe of my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty) which I acquainted you by my Letter of the 18th inſtant, I ſhall be ready to do as far as can be expected of me.

To James Moody *Eſq*; *I am, Sir, Your*, &c.

Secretary to the Commiſſioners of Accounts. Samuel Lynn.

After the Minute of the Treaſury, he applyed himſelf by Memorial to the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, and gave in an Account of the Charges he had been at for Clerks and Contingencies of his Office for four years paſt, from 31ſt *January* 17^{13}_{14}, (the day his eſtabliſhed Pay was diſcontinued) to the 31ſt of *January* 17^{17}_{18}, amounting to 799 *l.* 13 *s.* 11 *d.* for which their Lordſhips (well knowing his Services, the reaſonableneſs of his Demand, and upon the foot of the former Minute of that Board) granted him their Warrant, which Warrant directed the Payment of the Money out of the Reſpits or

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Savings on the Eſtabliſhment of the Marines before the Year 1714, or charging it to that head within that time, (a Fund greatly ſufficient, ſince in the ſhort time of his Service there was upwards of 50,000 *l.* ſaved by Reſpits on thoſe Marine Regiments) altho' it was for Service, for the moſt part performed after the Year 1714, which was unavoidable. But ſtill it was a Debt on the head of Marine Service, contracted in winding up that bottom, and naturally to be paid in the ſame manner as the Marine Arrears were pay'd, that is, by Debentures, For which he apply'd near two Years to the Honourable the Commiſſioners of Accompts, but without Succeſs, although employ'd at the ſame time by them, thoſe Gentlemen, or the majority of them, coming to an Opinion, juſt before the Expiration of their Commiſſion in *March* laſt, that it was not in their Power to certify that Debt. So that accompting the Half-Pay he received for ſome time to have been expended by him, as it was, in defraying the Charge of Clerks and Contingencies of his Office, and that the Warrant for 799 *l.* 13 *s.* 11 *d.* remains yet unſatisfied, he has received no conſideration for his own Trouble, Pains, and Attendance in Town on the Publick Occaſions, ſince the 31ſt of *January* $17\frac{13}{14}$2, which to the determination of the laſt Commiſſion of Accompts in *March* laſt, is upwards of ſix Years. And as two of the Regiments Accompts, and

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other matters of the whole Corps remain ſtill under the Commiſſioners examination, it is uncertain yet, what further occaſion there may be to trouble him.

Beſides, what is herein before recited, and many other Orders of the ſame Tenure, which (as they would ſwell this to too great a Compaſs) he thinks needleſs to publiſh, he only adds the following Certificate.

THESE are to Certify, That *Samuel Lynn*, Eſq; late Muſter Maſter General of the Marine Forces, has upon all Occaſions, when required, attended the Honourable the Commiſſioners of the Army Accompts, with the Muſters of the ſaid Marine Regiments, and hath hitherto obey'd all the Precepts and Orders of the ſaid Board, and anſwered every thing on the part of his Office required to be done and performed.

Dorſet-Court 28 *December* 1719.

James Moody
Secretary to the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Being at laſt deſirous (failing of all other Succeſs) to ſeek Relief from Parliament, by a Clauſe in the Act for renewing the Commiſſion of Accompts, to enable

enable their new Commiſſioners to certify the Arrear due by the ſaid Warrant, and for what ſhould be reaſonable ſince that time; upon a motion made for a Clauſe the 5th of *May* 1720 it was Ordered,

That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Relief of Samuel Lynn *Eſq; late Commiſſary of Marines.*

The Clauſe being offer'd to the Committee on the 12th inſtant in the terms following, *viz.*

" And be it further enacted, by the Authority " aforeſaid, that it ſhall and may be lawful for the " Commiſſioners, or any or more of them to " ſtate and certify what ſhall appear to them to be " due to *Samuel Lynn* Eſq; late Commiſſary General " of the Marine Regiments, for muſtering the ſaid " Marines at the ſeveral times of their disbanding, as " they came home from Sea in the years 1714 and " 1715, and for making up afterwards the General " Muſter Rolls of the ſaid Regiments, and doing " the Duty of his Office as Commiſſary General afore- " ſaid, purſuant to the Orders he received in that be- " half, ſince that time.

Which being debated in the Committee ſome time, he had the Misfortune, upon a Diviſion, to loſe the Clauſe by Five. The Committee not being then ſo fully informed of the matter, as in this State of the Caſe appears, and many of his Friends who were moſtly apprized of it, happening unluckily that day to be abſent from the Houſe, from whoſe Juſtice he is ſatisfy'd, if they had been more timely informed of the whole Truth, he had not fail'd of the deſired Succeſs; and to demonſtrate that he has not been deficient in the diſcharge of his Duty, he now is obliged to publiſh this.

So ends the Reward of Eight and Twenty years paſt Service for the Publick, a length of time far unequal to the Support that has accrued or been added to his Family thereby, a Support undeſerving of the Reflection caſt on it by a well known wealthy and worthy Member, who pleaded Riches as a Bar to Juſtice and Equity, when he was entirely ignorant, not only of the Perſon he ſpoke of, but of his Fortune, and his Caſe.

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